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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: JERUSALEM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 01035

1. WE PRESENTED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS (BOECKER).
 2. BOECKER SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD MENTION THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN HIS GOVERNMENT DECLARATION LATER TODAY. HE THOUGHT SCHMIDT WOULD MAKE ONLY GENERAL REFERENCES TO THE SITUATION AND WOULD SAY NOTHING THAT MIGHT BE PERCEIVED AS PREJUDICING MATTERS AT THIS DELICATE STAGE. (WE HAVE NOW SEEN THE TEXT OF SCHMIDT'S REMARKS WHICH ARE A REITERATION OF THE WELL-KNOWN FRG POSITION.) BOECKER ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD ALSO SPEAK IN THE BUNDESTAG TODAY AND WOULD SIMILARLY TOUCH UPON THE MIDDLE EAST.
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BOECKER HAD DRAFTED SOME GENERAL LANGUAGE FOR GENSCHER WHICH EXPRESSED THE FRG'S HOPE THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SOON BE RESUMED. HE EXPECTED, BUT COULD NOT BE SURE, THAT GENSCHER WOULD USE THIS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE.

3. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BOECKER EXPRESSED PESSIMISM

REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION. WHILE HE EXPECTED THE JERUSALEM TALKS TO RESUME HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD MAKE ACCEPTABLE CONCESSIONS ON THE WEST BANK QUESTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SADAT WOULD THUS BE FORCED TO ADOPT PROGRESSIVELY HARDER PUBLIC POSITIONS WHICH WOULD FURTHER REDUCE THE CHANCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

4. BOECKER NOTED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING A FULLER REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH SADAT AND BEGIN (REFTEL, PARA 5).
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